

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (amended). A lead capable of electrical and mechanical coupling to both a port of an implantable medical device's header assembly and to another lead, said lead comprising:

- (a) an elongated, main body portion having a proximal and distal end;
- (b) at least one terminal connector attached to the proximal end of the main body and adapted for coupling the lead to a header assembly of a medical device;
- (c) at least one electrode embodied within the main body portion;
- (d) at least one conductor corresponding with each electrode and electrically insulated, wherein a distal end of each conductor is attached to each corresponding electrode and a proximal end of each conductor is attached to at least one corresponding terminal connector;
- (e) an adapting member formed as a part of the main body portion and extending from the lead, the adapting member having a port adaptable for sealably receiving a terminal connector of a second lead, said port having an electrically conductive terminal block positioned within said port, wherein a jumper wire is electrically coupled to the terminal block and the conductors of the main body of the lead, said adapting member further including an aperture extending therethrough such that the aperture aligns with a header port when the lead is coupled to the header assembly.

2. The lead as recited in claim 1, wherein said adapting member is positioned on said lead adjacent to the proximal end of the main body.

3. The lead as recited in claim 1, wherein said adapting member engages the header assembly of the implantable medical device.

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6. The lead as recited in claim 3, wherein said adapting member is contoured to conform to a shape of the header assembly.

7. The lead as recited in claim 1, wherein said port of said adapting member is suitable for receiving a terminal end of a uni-polar lead.

8. The lead as recited in claim 1, wherein said jumper wire includes an outer electrically insulating layer and an inner conductive wire.

9 (amended). A lead capable of electrical and mechanical coupling to both a port of a header assembly of an implantable medical device and to the terminal end of another lead, said lead comprising:

- (a) an elongated, main body portion having a proximal and distal end;
- (b) at least one terminal connector attached to the proximal end of the main body and adapted for coupling the lead to a header assembly of a medical device;
- (c) at least one electrode embodied within the main body portion;
- (d) at least one conductor corresponding with each electrode and electrically insulated, wherein a distal end of each conductor is attached to each corresponding electrode and a proximal end of each conductor is attached to a corresponding terminal connector;
- (e) an adapting member formed as an integral part of the main body portion and extending from said lead adjacent the proximal end of the main body, said adapting member having a port adaptable for sealably receiving a terminal connector of a second lead, said port having an electrically conductive terminal block positioned within said port, wherein a first end of a jumper wire is connected to a terminal block and a second end of said jumper wire is connected to one of the conductors of the main body of the lead, said adapting member having an aperture extending therethrough such that the aperture aligns with a header port when the lead is coupled to the header assembly.

10. The lead as recited in claim 9, wherein said adapting member engages the header assembly of the implantable medical device.

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13. The lead as recited in claim 10, wherein said adapting member is contoured to conform to a shape of the header assembly.

14. The lead as recited in claim 9, wherein said port of said adapting member is adapted for receiving a uni-polar lead.

15. The lead as recited in claim 9, wherein said jumper wire includes an outer electrically insulating layer and an inner conductive wire.